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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 0845

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJ: NAMIBIA: MEETING WITH SAM NUJOMA

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1. LUSAKA CONTACT GROUP MET WITH SAM NUJOMA TUESDAY EVENING,
MARCH 14 TO PASS ON TALKING POINTS CONTAINED REFTELS. DEAN
OF GROUP, FRENCH AMBASSADOR, READ TWO PARAGRAPHS AND GAVE
THEM TO NUJOMA ON AN UNMARKED PAPER.

2. WITH HIS USUAL SMILE, NUJOMA THANKED US CORDIALLY FOR
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OUR EFFORTS AND SAID THAT SO FAR AS SWAPO WAS CONCERNED,
THE DOOR WAS OPEN FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. HE ASKED US
TO PASS HIS GRATITUDE TO OUR CHIEFS OF STATE FOR THE
SERIOUS EFFORT BEING MADE AS EVIDENCED BY THE MEETINGS IN
NEW YORK WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE FIVE COUNTRIES.
THE PROBLEM, HE SAID, WAS NOT WITH SWAPO, BUT WITH SOUTH
AFRICA AND HE LISTED A SERIES OF SOUTH AFRICAN ACTIONS WHICH

MADE AGREEMENT DIFFICULT: STEADILY INCREASING TROOP LEVEL,
INTIMIDATION, LOSS OF LIVES, ETC.

3. WE REPLIED THAT OUR PROPOSALS WHICH HE WOULD SOON BE
GETTING WERE DESIGNED TO RESOLVE JUST THE KIND OF THING HE
WAS COMPLAINING ABOUT.

4. NUJOMA SAID THAT THE TWO PROBLEMS HE WAS MOST CONCERNED
ABOUT WERE THOSE OF TROOP PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA AND WALVIS
BAY. HE HAD MADE A MAJOR CONCESSION IN AGREEING TO PRESENCE
OF TOKEN SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES, BUT THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE
CONFINED TO THE SINGLE BASE HE HAD INDICATED. ON WALVIS
BAY HE REPEATED THAT HE COULD NOT ACCEPT SOUTH AFRICAN
ANNEXATION OF WALVIS BAY.

5. TOWARDS THE END OF THE 20 MINUTE CONVERSATION, NUJOMA
RAISED THE MATTER OF WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES TRAVELING TO
NAMIBIA. HE SPECIFICALLY COMPLAINED ABOUT A RECENT TRIP
BY THE WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR, SAYING THAT AS FAR AS SWAPO
WAS CONCERNED SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE WAS ILLEGAL. THE
ONLY LEGAL AUTHORITY WAS THE UNITED NATIONS AND COMMUNICATION
WITH THE TERRITORY SHOULD BE CHANNELED THROUGH THE COUNCIL
ON NAMIBIA. INTERNAL SWAPO, HE SAID, HAD INSTRUCTIONS NOT
TO MEET WITH ANY WESTERN DIPLOMATS INSIDE NAMIBIA BECAUSE OF
THIS. WE SAID WE WOULD PASS ON HIS VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT.

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6. NUJOMA, WHO HAD BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY HAMUTENYA AND
TJIRIANGE, THANKED US AND TOOK HIS LEAVE.
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